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October 8, 1998
HAND DELIVER

Lawrence M. Noble, Esquire
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Washington, DC 20463

Re: Joint Advisory Opinion Request regarding the status of the American Heritage Party (FEC ID No. C00340133) as a State Committee of a Political Party

Dear Mr. Noble:

On behalf of our client, the American Heritage Party ("AHP"), we hereby request an Advisory Opinion by the Federal Election Commission that AHP is a "State Committee" under 2 U.S.C. 431(15), and is therefore, *inter alia*, permitted to make coordinated party expenditures on behalf of its two candidates for Federal office from the State of Washington.

For purposes of submitting this request we also have been authorized to represent the principal campaign committees of AHP's nominees for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1998 general election: Bruce Craswell for Congress (FEC ID No. C00339168); and John Beal for Congress (FEC ID No. C00339184). Accordingly, we seek this Advisory Opinion on behalf of all three committees jointly.

AHP intends to act as a state party committee in the State of Washington during the 1998 general election cycle (and thereafter), including making coordinated party expenditures related to the November 3, 1998 general election on behalf of the Bruce Craswell for Congress committee and the John Beal for Congress committee.

On its Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1), AHP stated that it was a state party committee (line 5(d)). On September 23, 1998, Lucy J. Denny, a Reports Analyst with the Federal Election Commission, sent AHP a letter stating that before AHP could operate as a state committee, it would have to receive an Advisory Opinion approving its status as a state committee.

AHP is the only Washington state affiliate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party (USTP), which was recognized as a national committee by the Federal Election Commission in Advisory Opinion No. 1995-16. AHP has met the Washington State requirements for inclusion of two Federal candidates on the November 3, 1998 general election ballot as candidates of AHP: (1) Bruce Craswell, a candidate for the United States House of Representatives in the 1st Congressional District of Washington; and (2) John Beal, a candidate for the United States House of Representatives in the 5th Congressional District of Washington.

In addition to the above, AHP will field a number of candidates for state and county office in 1998. Also, while AHP was not formed until April 22, 1997, in 1996 the organization which AHP succeeded, the Washington Taxpayers Party, obtained ballot access for Howard Phillips and Herbert Titus, USTP's candidates for President and Vice President, respectively.

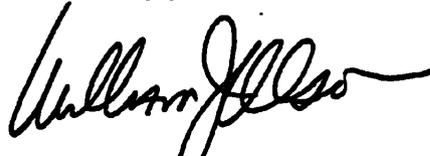
Since its inception, AHP has been the sole entity representing the USTP in Washington, and, as is evidenced by the fact that it has obtained ballot access for its federal candidates, by its charter and bylaws, and by its relationship with USTP, AHP is clearly responsible for USTP's day-to-day operations in Washington.

Copies of AHP's charter and bylaws, a letter from the USTP's national chairman confirming AHP's status, letters from AHP's two Congressional candidates, and a 1998 General Election Candidate Certification provided by the Secretary of State of Washington showing that AHP's candidates have achieved ballot access, are enclosed for your review.

Both candidate committees respectfully request the Federal Election Commission to act on this Advisory Opinion Request at its earliest opportunity, but certainly within the 20-day period provided for in 11 C.F.R. 112.4(B).

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Olson

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Enclosures

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN HERITAGE PARTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON

PREAMBLE

We the members of the American Heritage Party gratefully acknowledge the blessing of the Lord God as Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the Universe and of this nation. We hereby appeal to Him for aid, comfort, guidance and the protection of His Divine Providence as we work to restore and preserve this nation as a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "American Heritage Party," which shall be hereinafter also referred to as the 'State Party' or 'Party.'

The name of the American Heritage Party may be amended at any State Committee meeting by a two-thirds vote with previous notice.

ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

The American Heritage Party shall be affiliated with the U.S. Taxpayers Party (USTP) and acknowledges that the constitution, bylaws, purposes and principles of the American Heritage Party shall remain consistent with those of the USTP.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Party shall be to:

- A. Seek to restore our state and federal civil government to their Biblical jurisprudence and to their Constitutional boundaries;
- B. Promote allegiance to the Biblical principles of government as embraced in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of these United States as conceived and set forth by our founding fathers in their establishment of our Republic;
- C. Develop an informed, energetic and effective statewide political organization to support the principles and platforms of this Party;
- D. Secure, by all lawful means, the election of all duly nominated American Heritage Party candidates for all federal, state and local offices and electors thereof;
- E. Help establish and provide services to all affiliated county parties to carry out the work of the Party at the grassroots level; and
- F. Plan, organize, administer and finance the State Party's operations to accomplish these stated purposes.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the State Party shall consist of all persons who are registered voters under the Laws of the State of Washington who have made application with the Party, paid such annual dues as are prescribed by the State Committee, and who agree in principle with the platforms of the American Heritage Party and the U.S. Taxpayers Party. The membership requirements may be amended at any State Committee meeting by a two-thirds vote with previous notice.

ARTICLE V - STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention shall be the highest authority of the American Heritage Party. The Party shall assemble in Convention annually, at a time and place set by the State Committee, for the purpose of establishing a platform, choosing candidates for public office, and whatever other business shall be deemed necessary and proper, including but not limited to amending this Constitution and election of Party officers.

ARTICLE VI - STATE COMMITTEE

The State Committee shall consist of a State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman (chosen from the opposite side of the state in which the State Chairman resides, the Cascade Mountains serving as the dividing line), State Secretary, State Treasurer, two State Committee members from each affiliate County Party, one of whom is the County Chairman (in the event that no county organization exists, a non-voting representative may be appointed by the State Chairman), and all National Committee members. The duties, time and place of meetings, rules, and procedures of the State Committee shall be set forth in the State Party Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote at any State Convention, provided that any proposed amendment be stated in the call to convention, except as otherwise provided herein.

Adopted in Convention at the 1997 State Convention of the Washington Taxpayers Party,
at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington,
on April 22nd, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven
and the Independence of the United States of America, Two Hundred Twenty-One.

Amended in Convention at the Special State Convention of the Washington Taxpayers Party
at Ricketts Auditorium, Bothell, Washington
on January 31st, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight
and the Independence of the United States of America, Two Hundred Twenty-Two.

Amended in Convention at the State Convention of the American Heritage Party
at Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee, Washington
on June 27th, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight
and the Independence of the United States of America, Two Hundred Twenty-Two.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

AMERICAN HERITAGE PARTY

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the State Committee of the American Heritage Party.

The name of the American Heritage Party may be amended at any State Committee meeting by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or called meeting of the State Committee.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purposes of this State Committee are those set forth in the Constitution of the American Heritage Party.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the American Heritage Party shall be according to the requirements set forth in Article III of the Constitution of the American Heritage Party.

ARTICLE IV - STATE COMMITTEE

Section 4.1: Membership

Upon the completion of the 1997 State Convention, the membership of the State Committee shall be composed of the following: State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman (chosen from the opposite side of the state in which the State Chairman resides), State Secretary, State Treasurer, one State Committee representative from each county (duly elected by a county caucus during the 1997 State Convention), and all National Committee members.

Upon the completion of the 1998 State Convention the membership of the State Committee shall be composed of the following: State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman (chosen from the opposite side of the state in which the State Chairman resides), State Secretary, State Treasurer, the Chairman of each duly organized and recognized county party, one State Committee representative from each county, (in the event that no county organization exists a non-voting representative may be appointed by the State Chairman), and all National Committee members.

All members of the State Committee shall be recognized members in good standing with the Party.

Membership in the State Committee may be revoked upon the vote of three-fourths of the quorum of members present in person or by proxy at any duly convened meeting of the State Committee.

Section 4.2: Election and Terms

The State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman, State Secretary, and State Treasurer shall be elected at the State Convention in each odd-numbered year to serve a term of two years.

The National Committeemen, the number to be determined by the National Committee of the U. S. Taxpayer Party, and Alternate National Committeeman shall be elected by the State Committee immediately following the State Convention in each even numbered Presidential election year to serve a term of four years starting from the adjournment of the U. S. Taxpayers Party National Convention.

In the event of vacancy of the office of National Committeeman or Alternate National Committeeman, the Executive Committee shall fill said office until the next State Committee meeting at which meeting the members shall elect a new National Committeeman to fulfill any unexpired term of the vacant office.

The two State Committee Representatives, one of which is the county chairman, shall be elected in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the respective county organizations, having been elected at the bi-annual county organizational meeting held prior to January 31st, but not before November 15th, in each even numbered year, following a general election, and shall serve a term of two years.

In the event of vacancy of the office of the County Chairman Representative or the State Committee Representative, the County Party shall fill said offices according to their own by-laws to fulfill any unexpired term of the vacant office.

Section 4.3: Duties of the State Committee

The State Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for the control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with the Constitution and By-laws and any resolutions, which may be adopted or amended in Convention.
- b. Formulate and provide for the execution of such policies, plans and measure as it may deem conducive to the best interest of the Party, and in conformity with the by-laws.
- c. Issue the call to all annual or special State Conventions and make arrangements therefore, and establishing the time and place according to Article VIII of these by-laws.
- d. Fill vacancies on the ticket for public elective offices.
- e. Adopt resolutions.

Section 4.4: Meetings of the State Committee

The State Committee shall meet at least two times a year, one meeting of which shall be immediately before the State Convention and the other meeting as established by the State Committee at its last meeting or in the absence thereof, by the Executive Committee or the State Chairman.

The State Chairman may call a meeting of the State Committee, to be held at a time and place set by him, by mailing a written notice by regular mail, postage prepaid to the last known address of each member at least thirty days prior to such meeting. By a majority vote at a regular meeting of the State or Executive Committee, either committee may schedule a future meeting outside the State of Washington, not to be held more than 100 miles from the boundaries of the State of Washington.

The State Chairman shall call, within ten days, by regular notice, a meeting of the State Committee whenever two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board or a majority of the State Committee members demand such a meeting to be called. In the event the State Chairman fails to act, then the petitioners shall issue a regular call to all Committee members, signed by the petitioners, giving ten days notice, designating a time, place and purpose of such meeting.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5.1: Membership

The membership of the Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

State Chairman, State Vice-Chairman (chosen from the opposite side of the state in which the State Chairman resides), State Secretary, State Treasurer, one National Committee representative* (see below) and one representative from each Federal Congressional District.

All members of the State Committee shall be recognized members in good standing with the Party.

Membership in the Executive Committee may be revoked upon the vote of three-fourths of the quorum of members present in person or by proxy at any duly convened meeting of the State Committee.

Section 5.2: Election and Terms

The nine Federal Congressional District representatives shall be elected immediately following the State Convention in each odd-numbered year by congressional district caucus of all duly elected state committee members from that district and shall serve a term of two years.

In the event of vacancy of the office of the Federal Congressional District representative, the Executive Committee shall fill said office until the next State Committee meeting at which time all state committee members from that congressional district shall caucus to elect a new Federal Congressional Committeeman to fulfill any unexpired term of the vacant office.

The one National Committeeman to serve as representative on the Executive Committee shall be elected by the National Committee caucus at the close of the State Convention on each even-numbered Presidential Election year.

Section 5.3: Duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Exercise the powers and perform the duties of the State Committee between the State Committee's meetings.
- b. Act in the place of the State Committee in areas where the State Committee shall specifically authorize, shall have such powers and duties as necessary to represent the State Committee and shall be available for advice and consent to the State Chairman.
- c. Approve all appointments of the State Chairman unless that power is specifically granted to another body in these by-laws.
- d. Make recommendations to the State Committee of the Chairman's proposed political, fund-raising and budget plans.
- e. Make recommendations to the State Committee on the Convention call.
- f. Adopt resolutions.
- g. Assist the State Chairman as he deems necessary.
- h. Appoint an independent auditor.
- i. Be empowered to meet and act on an emergency basis, do anything the State Committee is empowered to do provided that any such emergency action by the Executive Committee may be revoked upon the three-fourths majority vote of the State Committee at the next duly convened State Committee meeting.
- j. Act as a nominating committee and submit candidates for the offices of the Party to the Convention or to the State Convention as may be applicable.
- k. Fill any vacancy of the State Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer until the next State Convention when the delegates shall fill any unexpired term of said office.

Section 5.4: Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet at minimum semi-annually to make proposals for submission to the State Committee and/or the State Convention and to fulfill other duties that may come before it. The meetings may be conducted by conference call.

The State Chairman may call a meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held at a time and place set by him, by mailing a written notice by regular mail, postage prepaid to the last known address of each member at least fifteen days prior to such meeting.

The State Chairman shall call, within ten days, by regular notice, a meeting of the Executive Committee whenever two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board or a majority of the State Committee members demand such a meeting to be called. In the event the State Chairman fails to act, then the petitioners shall issue a regular call to all Committee members, signed by the petitioners, giving ten days notice, designating a time, place and purpose of such meeting.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6.1: State Chairman

The State Chairman shall:

- a. Be the chief executive officer of the Party and the Chairman of the State and the Executive Committees and shall act as necessary to promote the functions of the Party.
- b. Issue the call of all general meetings of the Party and the State and Executive Committee meetings and shall preside, if present, at all such meetings.
- c. Observe and enforce the by-laws and rules of the Party.
- d. Have the power to appoint or remove any appointive officer, staff member, employee and all standing and special committees.
- e. Submit written plans outlining the political and fundraising plans and budget to the Executive and State Committee for approval.
- f. Be an *Ex-officio* member of all committees.
- g. Be responsible for the safekeeping of the State Committee's records and papers and shall promptly surrender the same in good order to his successor.
- h. In January of each year, the State Chairman shall prepare and submit to the State Committee a written evaluation of the preceding year's political and fund-raising programs.

Section 6.2: State Vice-Chairman

The State Vice-Chairman shall:

- a. be chief assistant to the State Chairman in the administration of his duties.
- b. preside at all meetings of the State Committee and the Executive Committee in the absence of the State Chairman.
- c. perform other duties the State Chairman may prescribe.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the State Chairman, the State Vice-Chairman shall exercise all of the powers and perform all the duties of the State Chairman until the next State Convention at which Convention, the delegates shall elect a new State Chairman to fulfill any unexpired term of the vacant office.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the State Vice-Chairman, the State Secretary shall exercise all of the powers and perform all the duties of the State Vice-Chairman until the next State Convention at which Convention, the delegates shall elect a new State Chairman to fill any unexpired term of the vacant office.

In the event of a vacancy in the offices of State Chairman and the State Vice-Chairman, a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the next ranking officer within 30 days to elect successors until the time of the next State Convention, at which Convention, the delegates shall elect officers to fill any unexpired terms of the same.

Section 6.3: State Secretary

The State Secretary shall:

- a. be the chief clerical officer of the Party, and the next ranking officer following the State Vice-Chairman.**
- b. accurately record and keep and sign all proceedings of the State Committee and the State Convention, which shall be the property of the committee.**

A vacancy in the office of State Secretary shall be filled by appointment by the State Chairman and shall serve the term of the vacating Secretary.

Section 6.4: State Treasurer

The State Treasurer shall:

- a. keep the financial records of the Party and is the next ranking officer following the State Secretary.**
- b. receive and receipt all moneys received by and for the Party and deposit them in a financial institution. Upon vouchers approved by the State Chairman, the State Treasurer shall pay said vouchers by check signed and executed by the Treasurer. Authorized signatures shall be subject to approval of the Executive Committee.**
- c. be responsible for fulfilling federal, state and local financial disclosure requirements, if applicable.**

A vacancy in the office of State Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the State Chairman to serve the unexpired term of the vacating Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION PROTOCOL & PROCEDURE

Section 7.1: Nominations and Election of Officers

All nominations for State Committee and Executive Committee Officers and Representatives and National Committeemen shall be called for and made from the floor.

Voting for election of all officers and party nominations shall be by paper ballot.

Other votes shall be by voice or standing ballot, at the direction of the presiding officer, unless a majority shall call for secret ballot.

A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote.

Votes that end in an equal number shall be decided by vote of the Presiding Officer.

Section 7.2: Quorum

A majority of the voting members of the State Committee and Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any action taken by a majority of the members voting at any meeting shall be the valid action of the said Committee and Board.

Section 7.3: Proxy

An absentee County Chairman or State Committee Representative from a county party may be represented by a proxy at any meeting of the State Committee, provided that said proxy, executed in writing, is held by a member of the County Central Committee from the county of the absentee member. No person may cast more than one vote. There shall be no proxy for a office-holder.

An absentee member of the Executive Committee may be represented by a proxy at any meeting of the Committee, provided that said proxy, executed in writing, is held by a member of the State Committee within the Federal Congressional District represented by said absentee member. No person may cast more than one vote. There shall be no proxy for a office-holder.

If the National Committeeman or Federal Congressional District Representative are absent, they may be represented by a proxy at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided said proxy is executed in writing and is held by a member of the State Committee.

At meetings of any ad-hoc committee appointed by the State Chairman, proxies will not be permitted.

ARTICLE VIII - STATE CONVENTION

Section 8.1: Annual Convention

The Party shall hold an annual State Convention to conduct such business as may properly come before it.

The State Convention shall be held each year, the date, time and place being set each year by the State Committee.

The call to convention to all members of the American Heritage Party shall be issued by the State Chairman eight weeks prior to the opening of the State Convention. The call shall include:

- a. Agenda of the State Convention.
- b. Applicable state law regarding minor political parties.

Section 8.2: Location of State Convention

All State Conventions shall be held in the State of Washington at a location determined by the State Committee.

Section 8.3: Delegates

Each member, in good standing, of the Party, as of 60 days before the State Convention, and remaining in good standing throughout the Convention shall be entitled to be a delegate at the State Convention by attending in person, provided that the State Committee may prescribe registration fees and rules to be registered and seated as a delegate.

Section 8.4: Presiding Officer

The State Chairman of the Party shall preside at the opening of the party until a State Convention Chairman shall be elected.

Section 8.5: Voting

The affirmative vote of the majority of the seated delegates present and voting shall be the act of the Convention.

Section 8.6: Selection of Delegates to the National Convention

- a. Delegates to the U. S. Taxpayers Party National Convention shall be elected at the State Convention in any year the National Convention is held.
- b. Delegates to the National Convention shall be nominated as follows:
 1. Any member of the American Heritage Party wishing to be considered as a Washington delegate to a USTP National Convention must submit a Self-Nominating Form to the AHP State Chairman on or before 30 days prior to the State Convention. The list of these nominees shall be sent to all convention delegates 15 days prior to the opening day of the State Convention.
 2. Delegates may be nominated from the floor of the convention.
- c. The number of delegates to the National Convention of the U. S. Taxpayers Party will be determined by the number of U.S. representatives and senators from the State of Washington. Nominees must receive a majority of the total vote cast in order to be elected as a delegate to the National Convention. In the case of a tie for the final position(s), all those who received the same number of votes for the final position(s) shall be eligible for candidacy on the next ballot and voting shall continue in the same manner of balloting until the final position(s) is filled.

Section 8.7: Presidential Electors

The total number of Presidential electors shall be equal to the total number of U.S. representatives and senators for Washington State.

Electors for Candidates in the Presidential election shall be chosen by the State Convention and shall be nominated as follows:

- a. Any member of the American Heritage Party wishing to be considered as a Electors for Candidates in the Presidential election must submit a Self-Nominating Form to the AHP State Chairman on or before 30 days prior to the State Convention. The list of these nominees shall be sent to all convention delegates 15 days prior to the opening day of the State Convention.
- b. Delegates may not be nominated from the floor of the convention.

The published list of prospective nominees shall be the only list from which a vote at the State or several State Conventions shall be taken for presidential electors.

Those nominees who receive the highest number of votes (combined, if more than one convention) shall be certified to be the Electors for President in Washington State, if the American Heritage Party Presidential Candidate wins.

Section 8.8: Parliamentarian

The State Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian for the State Convention for deciding questions of parliamentary procedure.

Section 8.9: Washington State Law

All applicable Washington State law concerning minor party conventions shall apply to the holding of State Conventions and the election of Presidential Electors.

ARTICLE IX - COUNTY PARTIES

County or multi-county committees meeting the criteria established by the State Committee shall be recognized as the official County Committee of the Party, provided that:

- a. There shall be no more than one official committee for each county.
- b. The by-laws, purposes and principles of the committee are consistent with those of the American Heritage Party.
- c. The County Committee's Constitution and By-laws are approved by the State Committee. In the absence of such by-laws, these by-laws shall govern.

In the event that no committee is recognized in a county, the State Chairman may appoint a Representative or Coordinator who shall serve as a liaison between the State Committee and the American Heritage Party members in that county.

ARTICLE X - USE OF PARTY NAME

No person, group of persons or organization shall use the name, address, or emblem or logo of the American Heritage Party in any manner unless the State Chairman grants permission.

ARTICLE XI - CENSURE

Section 11.1: Violation

In the event of a violation by any officer, member, representative, candidate or elected public official of the American Heritage Party of any provisions of its Constitution, By-laws or State or National Platform, the following process of censure shall be administered:

- a. When two parties have the evidence of an alleged infraction they shall approach the alleged offender with the intent of restitution and reconciliation. In the event the alleged offender refuses to acknowledge the alleged violation, or states that the alleged action was not a violation, then said alleged violation by said offender shall be presented before the federal congressional district representative of said alleged offender.
- b. In the event that matter is not resolved by the federal congressional district representatives, the matter shall be brought before the State Committee. The findings of the State Committee shall constitute adjudication. Either the act will be judged not to be a violation or the violation will be ordered remedied. If the offender refuses the remedy he will be removed from membership. However, in all adjudications, the recommended remedy concerning the violation shall be by a two-thirds vote of the State Committee, or no penalty shall be imposed upon the alleged offender.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY RULES

When not inconsistent with the provisions of these rules, the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the State Convention, the State Committee, the Executive Committee and other Party committees.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or called meeting of the State Committee or by a two-thirds vote of the State Convention. All proposed amendments to the by-laws of the State Committee, State Convention excepted, shall be submitted to the State Chairman in writing no later than 20 days prior to convening any meeting of the State Committee. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be mailed by the State Chairman not later than 10 days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

ARTICLE XIV - INITIAL ORGANIZATION

Until the 1997 State Convention of the American Heritage Party, an ad hoc policy board was appointed by the State Chairman, elected at the 1996 State Conventions of the American Heritage Party in Spokane and Seattle. The State Chairman appointed such other officers, *Pro-Tem*, to serve until the offices can be filled by duly elected officers as provided by these by-laws, and shall adopt these by-laws.

Due to the necessities of organization, the State Chairman, *Pro-Tem*, shall have broad powers to appoint members to the Policy Board and act in the interest of the Party to comply with the laws of the United States and the State of Washington. These broad powers shall be automatically rescinded upon the election of the new State Committee elected at the State Convention which enacts these by-laws, and elects officers and members according to the same.

ARTICLE XV - DISOLUTION OF PARTY

The State Committee shall make the determination as to when the Party shall be dissolved and such determination shall be made by a two thirds majority of the committee members.

In the event of an action to dissolve the party, the State Committee shall include as part of that action the necessary steps needed to accomplish this act and the specific individuals responsible to carry out each step, including, but not limited to:

- a. Final reporting required by Washington State Law.
- b. Distribution of the Party's assets to the U. S. Taxpayers Party.
- c. Notification of any affected parties.

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October 6, 1998

**U.S.
TAXPAYERS
PARTY
California Affiliate:
AMERICAN
INDEPENDENT
PARTY**

**Mr. Daniel R. Eby
Chairman
American Heritage Party
P. O. Box 807
Kettle Falls, WA 99141-0807**

Dear Mr. Eby:

This letter is to confirm to you that the American Heritage Party is the recognized, official Washington state affiliate of the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

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**WILLIAM K. SHEARER
National Chairman
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Lemon Grove, CA 91945
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The American Heritage Party is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the U.S. Taxpayers Party in the State of Washington, and is the only U.S. Taxpayers Party state affiliate in Washington. Also, under U.S. Taxpayers Party bylaws, the American Heritage Party selects the State of Washington's seven representatives on the U.S. Taxpayers Party national committee, and has participated in all 1997 and 1998 meetings of the U.S. Taxpayers Party national committee.

In short, the American Heritage Party has since its inception, and continues to be a valued state committee of the U.S. Taxpayers' Party. Any inquiry in this regard may be referred to me for confirmation of this fact.

Sincerely yours,

**William K. Shearer
National Chairman
U.S. Taxpayers Party**

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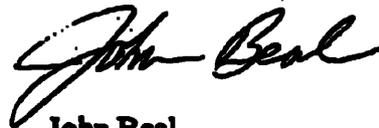
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Sincerely yours,



John Beal
American Heritage Party Candidate
5th Congressional District of Washington

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October 7, 1998

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**SECRETARY
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Ralph Munro



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TO THE COUNTY AUDITORS:

I, Ralph Munro, Secretary of State of the state of Washington, certify that, according to the records on file in this office, the following persons have been nominated by the designated political parties, are independent candidates or are non-partisan candidates for the respective federal, joint-judicial, or joint-legislative offices to be elected for full and unexpired terms at the state general election to be held on November 5, 1998. The following abbreviations have been used to designate the political party or other status of the candidate:

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D	Democrat party
IC	Independent Candidate
LBT	Libertarian Party
POP	Populist Party
R	Republican Party
RFM	Reform Party
SW	Socialist Workers Party

The office designations, names, addresses, and order of the political parties which are to be printed on the state general election ballots are as follows:

1998 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

U. S. Senator Statewide

Balot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Patty Murray	D	PO Box 3662	Seattle	98124	206.443.8636
Linda Smith	R	10009 NW Ridgecrest	Vancouver	98685	Phone Not Provided

Congressional District 1 King, Kitsap, Snohomish

Balot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Jay Ince	D	679 Axalta NE	Bathbridge Island	98110	206.780.5626
Rick White	R	PO Box 8166	Kirkland	98134	425.822.9306
Bruce Craswell	AM	28510 Big Valley Rd NE	Poulsbo	98370	360.697.7866

Congressional District 2 Island, San Juan, Shugh, Snohomish, Whatcom

Balot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Gaethe Carmemeyer	D	4832 S Tompkins Rd	Langley	98280	360.221.5862
Jack Metcalf	R	3273 Saratoga Rd	Langley	98260	425.258.3212

Congressional District 3 Curt, Cowitz, Grege Harbor, Kluckner, Lewis, Pacific, Skamiah, Thurston, Washitanum

Balot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Brian Bald	D	1401 Rogers NW	Olympia	98502	360.695.1993
Don Benton	R	PO Box 5076	Vancouver	98668	360.690.1056

Congressional District 4 Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittias, Kluckner, Okanogan, Yakima

Balot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Gordon Allen Pross	D	PO Box 633	Ellensburg	98926-0533	Phone Not Provided
Doc Hastings	R	PO Box 2926	Pasco	99302	609.736.1510
Peggy S. Mckerke	RFM	911 Walker	Wenatchee	98801	509.662.8366

NOTE: Auditd offices are listed after legislative offices.

1998 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Congressional District 5 Adams, Asella, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman

Ballot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Brad Lyons	D	Box 30 PO Box 1825	Odessa Spokane	99159 99210	509.982.0138 509.747.7737
George Methercutt	R	1721 W Rockwell	Spokane	99205	509.328.0171
John Beal	AH				

Congressional District 6 Colham, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kilgus, Mason, Pierce

Ballot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Norm Deke	D	912 N Montgomery	Bremerton	98312	Phone Not Provided
Bob Lawrence	R	2504 86th Ave W 105	University Place	98488	253.584.1808

Congressional District 7 King

Ballot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Jim McDermott	D	PO Box 21876	Seattle	98131-3788	206.553.7170
Gian Lipmann	RFM	PO Box 85989	Seattle	98145-85989	206.860.8809
Jeff Powers	SW	1722 28th Ave E	Seattle	98112	206.323.3429

Congressional District 8 King, Pierce

Ballot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Melid Behrens-Benedict	D	PO Box 50486	Bellevue	98015-0486	206.622.6685
Jennifer Dunn	R	37 Talloosh Key	Bellevue	98008	425.748.4611

Congressional District 9 King, Pierce, Thurston

Ballot Name	Party	Mail Address	Mail City	Zip	Contact Phone
Adam Smith	D	2703D 47th Ave S #104	Kent	98032	253.850.8078
Ron Tabor	R	7533 32nd Ave NE	Olympia	98518	360.455.8343

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